

what's up

Month of September 2010

Reverend David Walker our Supply Minister July - September 2010



Rev. David Walker Disembarks

After three months as your steady pulpit supply and stand-by, I am glad to join Glen Abbey United Church in welcoming Rev. Barry King on board. The naval analogy seems quite appropriate. In the days of the great sailing ships, a tradition was followed which helped guarantee the safety of the ship when entering an unknown harbour where she could be damaged by shoals, docks, currents and other dangers, particularly if the captain had never entered that port previously.

The ship would be anchored offshore and a rowboat would journey from the port to the ship carrying a seaworthy officer named “the pilot”. The experienced pilot took the captain’s place temporarily

and guided the ship safely into the dock. While tied up at the dock for refit or repairs, some crew may be given extended leave while others arrive for training and replacement. This period can extend from weeks to months. A new captain would likely be appointed at that time before putting out to sea once again.

Without being presumptuous, since I retired I have had several congregational experiences as a “temporary pilot” if you will. These have all been very meaningful for me and hopefully for the congregations. Since Bob Nixon gave me my commission in June, I have learned much and received great support from the whole crew at G.A.U.C.

A brief bio was requested. I was ordained in 1964 and later served at St. Andrew’s United Church, Moose Jaw Saskatchewan, Kleinberg/Nobleton United Churches, St. James United Church Etobicoke and St John’s United Church Oakville.

I could write a book on congregational life, but suffice it to say it was the fulfillment of the call I received as a young man in my 30’s with a family of three and a Bible Class of nearly 100 young adults, meeting every Sunday night at Melrose Park Presbyterian Church in Toronto. The fact that I still enjoy this work after 46 years says something about the power of God to keep one going in a meaningful life.

I have two sons and one daughter, and a selection of grandchildren to grace my senior years. My loving wife Ann and I live in Burlington.

As some of you know, I have been a landscape painter for many years and incidentally love to paint sailing ships. Thank you Glen Abbey for adding another chapter to my book of experiences. Soon you will be “piping aboard” your new captain, Barry King. It’s time to “splice the main brace” and celebrate



Baptism on 15 August 2010 of Alexander John Melana, son of Christina and Enzo Melana. Officiating is our supply minister, David Walker.

What some of our people are doing



United Church of Canada Pension Plan Advisory Committee

We have many people in our congregation that are doing a great number of wonderful things in our community and in our church. The following information was submitted by Gary Dobbie.

We would like to share with you some information on a couple of our members that are serving with the church on a national level. Both Steve Houston (member of the Church Council, Chair of Property Committee, Member of Dinner Dance Committee) and Gary Dobbie (Past Chair of GAUC, Past Chair and Member of Dinner Dance Committee and Past Chair of Trustees) have been volunteering their time, skill and knowledge as members of the Pension Plan Advisory Committee for the United Church of Canada (PPAC).



Gary has been a member and chair of the PPAC for over six years and Steve joined the committee in December of last year. In addition Rob Stapleford, who has also been very active in our congregation, was also a member and chair of the PPAC prior to 2005.

PPAC is an important oversight committee involved in program design, funding, benefit administration and pension payments for the United Church staff. PPAC has an important fiduciary responsibility and is the legal administrator of the church's pension program. This is a very large pension program with over \$1.1 Billion in assets and nine thousand members (actives and retirees). In addition to Steve and Gary there are seven other people from other congregations who are members on PPAC.

Together this group brings a broad and diverse set of skills including investment, administration, actuarial, legal and accounting to help steer the pension program in a long term sustainable manner.

It is always great to see so many members from our congregation helping our community and our church and it is wonderful that we have members like Steve and Gary who are willing to serve the church at the national level.

Bridge Winners



Betty and Christ Middlebro' attended the Niagara Intermediate/Novice Sectional Bridge Tournament in St Catharines on 15 August and won the event in the novice section with a terrific score of 61% and earned 1.20 silver points! (a big thing in the bridge world)

So why was the picture taken in our Narthex? Well it's a long story. First off they almost turned back as they were late, secondly the afternoon session was late in starting so they were able to play. They went home losers and by the time they arrived they were winners! Through a comedy of errors the event had been entered into the computer incorrectly. Sadly the two gals who got the trophies and had their picture taken were winners when they left and losers by the time they got home. This is a terrific achievement and our congrats go out to them.

Morale of the story: never turn back and always check your results!

Running for Council



Former Bronte Butterfly Foundation Executive Director Susan Sheppard will be competing with Ward 4 incumbent Councillor Roger Lapworth and community advocate Brian Burton in the upcoming Municipal elections in

October. We wish Susan good luck in her run for office.

Mayoralty Debate

Our Church will be hosting the Chamber of Commerce Mayoralty Debate on Tuesday 5 October at 7:00 p.m. As of this writing the following will be debating: Mayor Burton, former Mayor Ann Melville, and Dr Raymond Ray.

BIBLE STUDY

Rev. John Shearman



“My father, your name be sanctified, your kingdom will come: Give me today the bread that is coming, and release me my debts – not bring me to the test!”

That’s the Lord’s Prayer we know so well and recite almost every time we worship. It is a translation from the Aramaic by an American scholar, Bruce Chilton. He believes that this is how Jesus actually uttered it to his disciples.

Now compare that translation with those in Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4 and the words we usually recite or sing at worship (*Voices United* #959 or 960). Note the similarities and the differences.

Now you have done Bible study as we have been doing it in the Adult Bible Study group that meets on Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. from Thanksgiving to the end of April.

The group got its start when leaders of the LAFF program asked if I would give some leadership in this area for anyone who was interested. We settled on a Tuesday morning as the most convenient time realizing full well that most participants would be those who were seniors and retired. We begin new sessions on **Tuesday, October 12th at 9:30 a.m.**, our group consists of fifteen women and men. Our usual attendance averages about ten.

In the few years we have been meeting we have studied several books of the New Testament – Ephesians, Colossians, Revelation and the Gospel of John. We have also covered several more general themes such as “The Fruits of the Spirit,” “The Old Testament In The New Testament,” “The Nativity of Jesus,” and “The Passion Story.”

We are currently working through the Gospel of Luke. When we resume our weekly sessions we

shall be starting at chapter 11 with the Lord’ Prayer. Each week a brief summary of the main emphases of the passage we study is posted on the Glen Abbey United Church website under the link “Adult Bible Study.” Look for it in the left of column on the opening page.

Thank You

I have been remiss in not thanking all the people who make Sunday service so special. From now on I will also show our appreciation to the Greeters who are the first ones to welcome you, the Ushers who ensure the candles are lit, the pews filled with the necessary papers, and hand out the bulletin, the person at the Welcoming Table who informs the people as to what is available and to the Monitor who oversees it all. These folks arrive a half hour to 45 minutes prior to the service and do a wonderful job representing GAUC as a welcoming church. The counters spring into action after the service counting the offering. Sundays just wouldn’t work without the help of all these people. Those who volunteered in August (some volunteered twice or more):

Monitors – Rob Stapleford, Florian Meyer, Brian Lyseng, Brock Horseman, Duane Stewart

Ushers – Ruth Stapleford, Betty Bunny, Karen Meyer, Roxanne Hoffman, Barry Quartermaine, Linda Fehr, Jan & Paul Peters

Greeters – Joanne Phoenix, Sheila Paterson, Betty & Chris Middlebro’, Jenief Dixon, Pat Milthorpe, Janice & John Cramm, Laura Andrews, Jean Crabtree

Welcome Table – Mable Nixon, Candace Sunderland, Mable Nixon, Marilyn Hutchinson, Irene Stewart

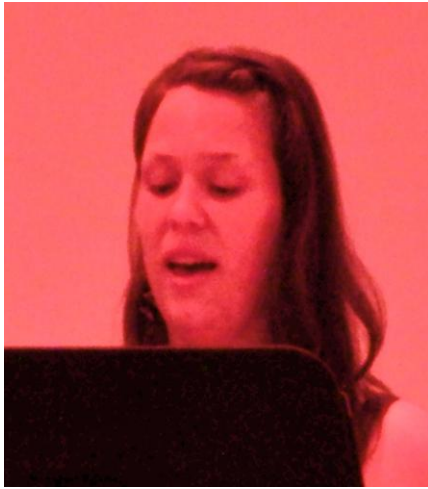
Counters – Peter Hobbes, Steve Firth, Paul Peters, Kim Shikaze, Kim Shikaze, Betty Middlebro’, Peter Hobbes, Paul Marchand, Kathi Marling, Steve Firth

Scripture Readers – Nicole D’Angelo, Candace Sunderland, Brian Lyseng, Sylvia Verdenhalven, Irene Stewart

Communion Servers - Mable Nixon, Joanne Phoenix, Sheila Paterson, Susan Cutler, Rob Stapleford

Refreshments – Chris Middlebro’

Our Musical Talent in August Blessing us with their beautiful voices



Stephanie Barone 22 Aug sang:
The Lord's Prayer
The Prayer,
Sheep May Safely Graze



Nicole D'Angelo 29 Aug sang
He Leadeth Me
You've got a Friend
Somebody Bigger than You and I

Do you know the words? Just wondering.

Recently in the news there were concerns expressed that a surprising number of people didn't know the words to O Canada, which is rarely sung by most of us (I usually belt out the old version) and it made me wonder how many of us know our New Creed which we say every week. I confess I can't but am trying.

Sunrise Sunday School Rally Sunday

Rally Sunday will be coming up on October 17th, announcing all the exciting programs for the fall. Our Fall program for Sunrise Sunday School starts on September 12th. We are now accepting registrations. Please contact the church office for more info.

How good is your memory?

Can you name the people singing in the choir when it was at St Ignatius of Loyola High School? Donna McNaught provided the picture and I thought you might have some fun testing your memory. Answer on last page, no cheating now.



Our Moderators

In our on-going history of our Moderators this month we are presenting our 20th Moderator – 1962 - 1964, The Very Reverend James R. Mutchmor. b2 Dec 1892 – d unknown. It was difficult to develop a comprehensive narrative about him and the following is what was gleaned from various sites.

While searching for archives on him we found the following honoring his name: a school in Ottawa, a park and group home in Winnipeg and an Alcoholic Detox Centre in Calgary. He was born in Carnarvon Township, Manitoulin Island. His family was involved in the lumber business and goes back four generations. (He is also the seventh generation of his family)

His growing up was simply and primitive. After three years he graduated from the Gore Bay School. At seventeen he attended the Union Theological Seminary in New York where he studied social work and the Christian Ministry. His education was interrupted by World War I, he joined the Army and fought at Vimy, was injured but rejoined the battle for the final 100 days.

He spent five summers working on the railway and worked with a number of New York churches during the school terms. After ordination he moved to North Winnipeg where he ran a settlement house. It grew to have a staff of six and a Sunday school for 300. He was also called to the churches of North and West Kildonan. He organized Fresh Air camps with 400 beds.

Throughout the 1960s, Canada's most recognizable crusader against immorality in society was Rev. James Mutchmor, Moderator of the United Church of Canada. Mutchmor was a member of many delegations to the Canadian government, tackling moral and social concerns such as drinking and gambling. Noted for both his wit and capabilities, Mutchmor was frequently seen on *Front Page Challenge* and *Fighting Words* as well as CBC News programs. In this 1971 clip from *Distinguished Canadians*, James Mutchmor talks about his life's work in the church and outside it. Here is the link to one of his interviews:

http://archives.cbc.ca/society/religion_spirituality/clips/15694/

The Very Rev. James R. Mutchmor, initially served as an Associate Secretary and then as Secretary on the Board of Evangelism and Social Service from 1936 - 1963 and had an amazing tenure on the Board. He personified both sides of its title. An unabashed liberal evangelical, he supported revivals and schools of evangelism with the same fervour that he brought to his condemnation of gambling, booze, poverty, and a host of other social issues. Nourished by the liberal evangelical tradition, whose commitments played such an important role in bringing about church union, he assumed that evangelism should have a central place in the church's life. It was Mutchmor who secured the services of the leading Canadian revivalist of the 1950s, Charles Templeton, a member of the Church of the Nazarene, and a highly successful evangelist with Youth for Christ. Templeton contacted Mutchmor in 1947 to discuss his struggle with fundamentalist theology. Mutchmor's intercessions helped to get him accepted in 1948 at Princeton Theological Seminary. (John R. Young (Touchstone Jan 2009))

Following are some of his quotes:

- Gambling is like a crooked stick with a straight shadow
- On Sin: You can't play tennis with the net down
- On other religions: God has revealed himself in many ways.
- On other lands: We need to move away from arrogance and move toward tolerance and wisdom
- The gospel must have its witness – certainly on the moral front

(researched by Phil Cooke)

Names: First Row: Barb Fleming, Kathi Marling, Pat Zelonka, Irene McNaught
2nd Row: Donna McNaught, Debbie Dobbie, Ralph Beachin, Rob Harvey.
Maggie Pringle was the organist and then Pat Zelonka took over.

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